

PLO ouster is completed 4 days ahead of schedule

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BEIRUT. — As the last PLO terrorists sailed out of here yesterday aboard a Cypriot passenger ship, the Lebanese government moved to rein in the various local militias by prohibiting their members to carry arms and set up roadblocks and positions.

It was not clear how the 10,000-member Christian Lebanese Forces (Phalangists) of president-elect Bashir Jemayel will react to this. They have been manning roadblocks at the entrances to East Beirut and moving around in force. A source reached at the organization's headquarters near the port said he did not know what will happen.

Also banned are all demonstrations and the posting of political signs and slogans.

At their enemy's camp — at the headquarters of the Nasserite Mourabitoun in West Beirut — a

source said their organization had transferred its positions and heavy equipment to the Lebanese Army.

The Mourabitoun had opposed the Lebanese Army's advance into West Beirut and even fired a rocket-propelled grenade at soldiers several weeks ago. But the matter was raised with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, and a source at the organization's headquarters said the change was made "for security." He declined to elaborate.

Amal, which had held two Israel Radio employees until yesterday evening, also has forces in West Beirut, but it could not be reached, as its headquarters in Burj al-Barajneh were closed.

In the last few days the Mourabitoun were mainly around their headquarters near the Gamal Abdel Nasser mosque. Some have been checking people's identities.

Accordingly, a foreign source stationed in West Beirut and an Israel government official yesterday

advised this reporter not to cross the "Green Line" between the two sectors yet. "It's not under full control by anyone who provides protection for people like you, I think it would be dangerous," the government official said.

The source said house-to-house searches were required, but insisted this was an internal Lebanese problem and Israel did not intend to intervene. Asked to comment on Chief of Staff Ravi-Aluf Rafael Eitan's statement on Sunday that the Mourabitoun must quit West Beirut, he said "that's Rafal's position."

The departure of the remaining 810 Palestinian terrorists who sailed to North Yemen was uneven. It was not accompanied by gun salutes, probably because there were not enough people to fire them.

The men arrived on trucks with flags and pictures of PLO leader (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Special cabinet session called to counter Reagan's demands



U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger (left) meets yesterday with U.S. special Middle East envoy Philip Habib at the American ambassador's residence in the hills overlooking Beirut. (UPI telephoto)

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The cabinet, meeting this morning in extraordinary session, is expected to reject a series of new ideas on the autonomy issue that U.S. President Ronald Reagan included in a personal message to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, delivered on Tuesday afternoon.

Begin is interrupting his holiday in Nahariya to come to Jerusalem for the cabinet session, in which he will seek his colleagues' approval for an answer to Reagan.

Begin reportedly intends to write Reagan that the ideas he raised are a "deviation from Camp David" not only in their substance but also, to some degree, in their timing.

The text of Reagan's message was not available last night from any reliable source, Israeli or American. Some points became known yesterday as a result of a leak by an Israeli source.

A statement from Washington denied the versions being circulated in Jerusalem, while a statement from the American Embassy in Tel Aviv said merely that Reagan had sent Begin a "message on the future of the peace process."

However, the main points of the message, which Ambassador Samuel Lewis handed Begin at the Carlton Hotel in Nahariya on Tuesday afternoon, were apparently that:

- Effort must be made to bring Jordan into the peace process. To this end, a clear linkage should be established between the West Bank and Gaza and Jordan in a wide range of spheres.

- To encourage the Arab partners to the autonomy negotiations to be forthcoming, Israel should freeze all settlement operations in the areas, establishing no new points and expanding no existing points.

- The Arab residents of East Jerusalem should be entitled to vote for the administrative council of the West Bank autonomy.

- The Arabs of the West Bank should be given responsibility for their own security.

- The purpose of the autonomy process should not be to create a Palestine Arab state.

- The U.S. does not consider the PLO a negotiating partner, since it rejects Israel's right to exist and does not subscribe to Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 on the Middle East crisis.

Reagan reportedly said in his letter that he was not putting forward any new plans, but merely wanted to inform Begin of his ideas on the future of the West Bank and Gaza, before delivering his public speech on Middle East policy over television last night.

Reagan reportedly said his general assumption was that the autonomy negotiations could not get off the ground unless their

framework was expanded and new ideas introduced.

The Reagan message came as a total surprise to Begin and his colleagues as it did to Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Moshe Arens (see story p.3).

Israel Radio reports yesterday morning about the contents of the message created a bombshell.

Government circles reacted at once by calling the Reagan proposals — which assumed different versions as the day wore on — a "grave deviation from Camp David."

Government circles said the timing of the message on the final day of the evacuation of West Beirut was "an affront to Israel" because it gave the impression that the U.S. was making a deal with the Arab states for agreeing to accept PLO evacuees.

Some ministers who found the ears of Israel Radio reporters said that Israel's best answer to Reagan's call for a settlement freeze was to boost settlement operations extensively and to apply Israeli law to Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District, as it had been applied last winter to the Golan Heights.

Israel would not shrink from an all-out confrontation with the U.S. over the future of those areas, Government sources said.

They said that Israel will adhere firmly to its own interpretation of the meaning of Camp David and will not alter its policies in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District along the lines indicated in Reagan's message.

They said that although Reagan floated his ideas in order to expedite a resumption of the autonomy talks, the result will be to make it less likely that Israel resume the talks on such terms. If Reagan, in his public address, announces the same ideas as in his message to Begin, a totally new political climate will be created that will leave Israel virtually no room for maneuver, they said.

Professor Yuval Ne'eman, Minister of Technology and Development, seized avidly on the reports of the Reagan message and announced that he was convening the central committee of his Tehiya faction.

Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben Porat, on the other hand, said he will not comment until he sees the Reagan message himself, since each word could count.

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor let it be known that he had orders from Begin to say nothing about the Reagan message. Begin's news media adviser, Uri Porat, said only that the calling of the extraordinary cabinet session shows how urgently the issue is regarded.

Most cabinet ministers avoided journalists (News Analysis — page 2)

David Levy at inauguration of Ma'ale Adumim 'No compromise on Palestine state,' says deputy premier

By DAVID NORDELL
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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Housing and Construction David Levy said yesterday that however close and friendly Israel's relations with the U.S., Israel cannot compromise on the question of setting up a Palestinian state.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the new town of Ma'ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, Levy stressed that although Israel has every intention of keeping its commitments under the Camp David agreement and of resuming the autonomy talks, nothing will be forced on Israel that could in any way affect its survival or security.

There can be no question, he said, of "cheating or deceiving" the U.S. about our intentions, but our existence depends on this. Israel's decisions must be influenced not only by traditional ties of friendship,

but also by needs of "free people in their own land."

Levy described the building of Ma'ale Adumim as part of his ministry's efforts to solve the housing problem and help realize a just society in Israel. No longer will thousands of young couples be unable to start families because of a lack of suitable housing, he declared. Settlement in Eretz Yisrael would not stop, the map was "bubbling" with new construction, and hundreds and thousands more housing units were being built in new towns, such as Efrat and Karnei Shomron, which are to be inaugurated in the near future.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who had earlier performed the traditional welcoming ceremony of bread and salt at the town's entrance, also stressed the importance of settlement. He praised (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Two released by Moslem captors

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BEIRUT. — The Amal Moslem militia last night released two Israel Radio workers who entered Burj al-Barajneh on Monday morning.

One of the men, Nissim Kadouri, said their captors had sometimes treated them well and sometimes told them would be killed.

Amal detained Kadouri and Mordechai Maimuni and Nissim Kadouri to secure the release of 18 persons it believed Israel was holding. However, an examination showed that some of the people were dead and others were not known to Israel. A government source said details Amal supplied indicated that the unknown people had been captured by Christian Lebanese Forces (Phalangists).

Accordingly, Amal released the two unconditionally.

The Kol Israel technician and driver were captured together with Sara Gabai of the radio's French-language programme. Gabai, who has French citizenship, was released after a few hours.

The two said they had followed a convoy of cars near the Beirut international airport and found themselves in Burj al-Barajneh, where an Amal jeep stopped them.

U.S. eases stand on gas pipeline

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Reagan administration, acknowledging that its original penalties were "too sweeping," plans to impose more limited trade sanctions against European companies that are helping the Soviet Union build its natural-gas pipeline, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said yesterday.

Regan told reporters that the administration intends only to bar the companies from receiving American exports of oil and gas equipment and technology.

President broadcasts 'new ideas' on Mideast

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WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan broke off his holiday last night and was scheduled to go on television at nine p.m. last night (3 a.m. Israel time) with a major policy statement on the Middle East and the Palestinians.

There was no authoritative information here on the substance of the president's statement but it was expected to repeat and elaborate on the positions expounded in his recent message to Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The statement and its timing are seen here as the culmination of the review on Middle East policy that has been conducted by Secretary of State George Shultz ever since his appointment to office in July. The timing is clearly connected with the completion of a phase in Middle East developments with the evacuation of the last PLO units from Beirut.

The State Department spokesman yesterday declined to comment on the contents of Reagan's message. He said however that Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who arrived in Israel last night, was aware of the contents of the message and would discuss them with Begin. Weinberger will not conduct "negotiations" over them, the spokesman said.

Reagan, on holiday at his mountaintop ranch overlooking the Pacific, will fly by helicopter to Los Angeles to deliver the speech at a television studio.

A White House spokesman refused to comment on details of the letter to Begin of several days ago, which Israeli reports said includes demands for a freeze on Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District and the establishment of links between these territories and Jordan.

But one administration official said: "As a general principle, we don't deal with friends and allies through demands."

Asked about Israeli charges that the Reagan letter is a deviation from the 1978 Camp David accords, the official said that, also as a matter of general principle, "We are committed to Camp David, as we know the Israelis and Egyptians are."

He would not say if the letter calls for a freeze on Israeli settlements but he noted the long-standing U.S. position, as restated by Secretary of State Shultz last month, that such activities are not helpful to the search for peace.

A White House spokesman said the U.S. has been actively involved in searching for a durable and just Middle East peace, adding: "as the last members of the PLO leave Beirut, the president believes this is an appropriate time to outline his views on the next steps."

He said that over the past few weeks Reagan had been discussing with his top advisers what the next step should be to bring lasting peace to the Middle East following the resolution of the immediate Beirut crisis.

Out of the discussions, he said, have come the "new principles and ideas" which Reagan would discuss tonight.

But he said any new ideas will not be at odds with the Camp David accords.

Histadrut attacked for planning to shut B-G

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TEL AVIV. — The state attorney's office yesterday accused the Histadrut of organizing a wildcat strike at Ben-Gurion Airport this weekend in violation of collective work agreements and the Histadrut's own regulations.

The strike is in response to the government's decision to halt Sabbath and other holy-day flights by El Al, which is to go into effect this Saturday.

In a letter to Histadrut secretary-general Yeroham Meshel, attorney Haim Berenson of the state attorney's office asked Meshel to reconsider the Histadrut's "hasty decision" to hold strikes at Ben-Gurion and other work places this weekend.

Berenson warned that if the strike is not cancelled by noon today, the Histadrut will bear full responsibility for damages caused by the strike to public employees.

The Histadrut committee set up to fight the government decision announced Tuesday that El Al and Ben-Gurion Airport workers, including civil-aviation workers, the airport petrol station, cargo-terminal workers and customs officers will strike throughout the Sabbath.

The Jerusalem Post learned that contrary to previous reports, Israel Television workers will not join the weekend strike. It was not clear last night whether the Jerusalem radio workers will join the strike.

Mexico nationalizes banks

MEXICO CITY. — President Jose Lopez Portillo yesterday announced the immediate nationalization of Mexico's private banks and the establishment of generalized exchange control, declaring that bankers "will never again sack" the nation.

The president told congress the move was necessary because the banks had encouraged speculation and flight of capital from the economically troubled nation.

He said shareholders would be given "just compensation" but gave no details.

Lopez Portillo, delivering the final state-of-the-union speech of his six-year tenure, said the measure does not affect U.S. or other foreign banks.

He did not detail his plan for altering the nation's banking system, which has been hit by a series of economic measures during a recession that placed the nation on the brink of default in repaying its \$81 billion foreign debt. (AP, Reuters)

Weinberger arrives for two-day visit

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U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger flew in from Beirut yesterday to a low-key welcome at Tel Aviv's Sde Dov airport to begin a two-day visit to Israel.

A U.S. Bell helicopter carrying Weinberger touched down at the airfield at 3:15 yesterday afternoon, accompanied by two U.S. Chinook CH-47 choppers.

Weinberger made no statement on arrival. He was greeted by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and three Israel Defence Forces generals: Aluf Avraham Tamir, commander of the National Security Unit; Aluf Ehud Barak, head of the Planning Unit; and Aluf Menachem Meron, Israeli military attaché in Washington.

Weinberger was taken in a 20-car convoy to the Hilton hotel. He will be officially greeted by his host, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, this morning in a ceremony at the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv.

Weinberger is scheduled to inspect the assembly lines of the Israeli-built Merkava tank and Kfir warplane today. He will also visit the Golan Heights and Samaria, and confer with Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The stop in Beirut constituted the first leg of a three-nation visit to the Middle East. Weinberger, the first major official of the Reagan administration to visit Lebanon since the war in Lebanon broke out on June 6, met President Elias Sarkis, President-elect Bashir Jemayel, Premier Shafik Wazzan and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros. He also met special U.S. envoy Philip Habib and U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon.

Weinberger will spend today and tomorrow here and then fly to Cairo for a meeting with President Hosni Mubarak.

Weinberger said yesterday that both Syria and Israel have reported their readiness to leave Lebanon

and he did not think it would be difficult to work out the details.

Addressing reporters at Beirut port before leaving for Israel, he said: "The Syrians in the Bekaa valley have told many people that they wish to leave and go home."

"The Israelis," he continued, "have told us repeatedly that they wish to leave and go home. They do not want or covet a single inch of Lebanese territory."

"They also said they would not leave unless the other side leaves — and I don't think that's impossible to work out — in fact I think it can be worked out and some of the preliminary work has already started on that."

There are Syrian soldiers and PLO terrorists in northern Lebanon, Weinberger said, their numbers are small, indicating he did not expect that to be a problem.

Asked about Israeli assertions that one of the war's aims was to achieve peace with Lebanon, Weinberger was asked whether an IDF withdrawal will take place whether peace was concluded or not.

"No," he said, "I'm not aware of any condition that's been imposed." He referred to meetings with Sharon in Washington last Friday and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir several weeks earlier where both said they "wanted very much to leave Lebanon ... Nothing was said about a treaty as a condition," he stressed.

The press conference was held only a few hours after certain sources leaked out the contents of President Ronald Reagan's letter to Begin.

Weinberger was asked whether the American stand was a result of a deal Habib had concluded with the PLO. "No," he said. "What we completed today was phase one. Phase two is getting all the foreign forces out of Lebanon and phase three is (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)



Deputy Prime Minister and Construction and Housing Minister David Levy sips a welcoming cup of wine as Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren holds out the traditional welcoming bread and salt yesterday at the dedication ceremony of Ma'ale Adumim. (Vera Etzion)

3 died, 4,050 held in Polish riots

WARSAW. — Poland's military rulers yesterday charged the dissent group Kor with masterminding street clashes on Tuesday in which three died and 4,050 were arrested. The regime ordered preparations for a trial of Kor leaders on anti-state charges.

The order came within the framework of a four-point law-and-order communique issued by a special session of the ruling military council chaired by Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

It coincided with official reports on Polish television that three persons had died and 4,050 were arrested in street clashes in more than a dozen cities that marked the second anniversary of the suspended Solidarity union.

The military council said the disturbances were organized by anti-socialist opposition forces backed by Western radio stations.

The most serious incident reported was in the western copper-mining city of Lublin, where two

demonstrators were killed when police opened fire on a crowd throwing stones and petrol bombs, official reports said.

They said 12 other persons were wounded, three of them seriously, and 11 members of the security forces were hurt.

In Warsaw a bus driver was seriously injured when his vehicle was stopped and all its windows were smashed.

Polish television also reported that the dead body of a man apparently killed by a tear-gas canister was found in Gdansk.

The government decree said the street clashes and other unrest "are organized and state-managed by the extremist activists and ideologues of the anti-socialist opposition, primarily from Kor. There is concrete evidence to prove this."

Kor — the Committee for Socialist Self-Defence — has long been the biggest target of official attack as an anti-socialist force that subverted Solidarity for its own goals — political takeover.

Kor was founded by intellectuals in 1976 to help workers arrested or maltreated during demonstrations. It became the main opposition group and was instrumental in the formation and direction of Solidarity. It was formally disbanded one year ago.

Most leading Kor activists — including the outspoken Jacek Kuron and Adam Michnik — are interned, in hiding or out of the country.

Over the weekend, police arrested Zbigniew Romaszewski, key Kor figure who escaped internment on December 13.

Announcement of a political trial against Kor leaders has been expected by many circles for months, but "still was a shock."

(UPI, Reuters).

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Safad	40	20-30	31
Haifa Port	67	24-30	29
Tiberias	46	22-36	36
Nazareth	46	20-32	32
Afula	41	22-34	34
Shimon	45	22-31	32
Tel Aviv	67	21-30	30
B-G Airport	49	21-31	32
Jericho	27	22-38	38
Gaza	75	22-29	29
Beersheva	30	18-35	39
Eilat	16	25-39	40



Music, dance open 82 Israel Festival

Post Music Editor
Without fanfare or speeches, the 1982 Israel Festival opened last night at the sold-out Jerusalem Theatre.
Psalm of Jerusalem, danced by the Kol Demama Company, with music by Noam Sheriff, was followed by the recitation by Yossi Banai of the "Six Days and the Seven Gates" written by President Yitzhak Navon after the Six Day War, with music by Matti Caspi commissioned for the festival. Caspi also conducted the Israel Festival Orchestra.

At a second programme at the Jerusalem Khan, the Ollontay folk group from Argentina performed.
Dora Snowden adds:
If there is any criticism to offer about Moshe Efrati's new work, *Psalm of Jerusalem*, it is that it was too short. One could have gone on watching this fascinating expression of dignity, energy, agony and exaltation for at least half as much time again.
The whole work has a symbolism that Efrati's choreographic patterns, Noam Sheriff's magnificent score (incorporating actual prayer) and the simple, dramatic costuming enhanced and emphasized. Once more, Efrati has created a work of power and his Kol Demama company has shown its capacity to bring it to life.
Haim Shapiro writes:
The Festival is to include almost 200 performances of more than 30 programmes, mainly in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Caesarea, but also in the Beit She'an Roman theatre, Kfar Sava and Kibbutz Ein Hashofet.

One scheduled event that will not be held, however, is the presentation by the Bucharest Workshop Theatre of *The Girl from Andros*. The theatre management this week notified Gideon Paz, director of the festival, that it will not be coming "because the actors are too busy with the opening of the theatre season."
A Polish theatre group withdrew at the outbreak of Operation Peace for Galilee, but the Budapest Madrigal Choir is still due to come from Hungary.

Syrian soldiers to be buried in Golan Heights
Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. — The Israel Defence Forces chaplaincy is preparing plots in the Golan Heights for the provisional interment of Syrian soldiers who were killed during Operation Peace for Galilee. Their bodies were buried in Lebanon and will now be transferred to the Golan in anticipation of their possible return to Syria and an IDF withdrawal from Lebanon.

TOP DANCERS. — A dance team from Haifa's Beit Hagafen Jewish-Arab centre won top honours during a recent international folklore festival in Gorizia, Italy, taking three first prizes for choreography, dance technique and musical arrangements. Groups from 14 countries, including some Communist ones, took part in the festival.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Arafat disembarks to Greek embraces

ATHENS. — Yasser Arafat arrived here yesterday promising to use "all methods and means" to reach his goal of a Palestinian homeland.
The chairman of the PLO stepped off his ship from Beirut and embraced Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu, who declared that Greece was on the side of the Palestinians.

At a press conference shortly afterwards, Arafat said: "We are sure that with this support... After this heroic battle (of Beirut) we will be supported more and more, especially since our people have the determination."
Asked how he would press his fight with troops scattered in eight Arab countries, he replied: "By all means. Struggle is not only by one means. We are under occupation, they occupied our land. We have the right to use all methods and means to continue our struggle."

He did not elaborate.
Mahmoud Labadi, his spokesman and one of the 60 aides who arrived aboard the Greek cruise liner Atlantis, said Arafat would fly to

Tunis today or tomorrow.
Meanwhile, Naef Hawatmeh, leader of the radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said in Damascus yesterday that all the terrorists distributed around Arab countries must now make Syria their key base.

He said the Palestinian leadership would open negotiations with the Syrian government within the next few days, aimed at bringing all the dispersed terrorists to Syria.

Hawatmeh said he thought the Syrian government would welcome the proposal.

When asked if he thought the concentration of terrorists in Syria would invite an attack by Israel, Hawatmeh said he thought Israel would attack Syria regardless of the PLO's plans as long as President Hafez Assad refused to recognize the Camp David peace process.

Hawatmeh said he expected an Israeli attack on Syrian army and Palestinian positions in northern and eastern Lebanon soon, possibly within two weeks. (AP, UP)

Families the PLO left behind fear their uncertain future

BEIRUT (UPI). — The terrorists are gone from Afik Tibi Street, but their wives are still there.

The women, carrying small children, move from building to building looking for someone who can tell them where the money to feed their families will come from now.

The social-welfare offices of the PLO that were centred in Afik Tibi Street were mainly empty yesterday, as the last 700 or so terrorists were evacuated from West Beirut.
While the eyes of the world were on Yasser Arafat and his terrorists as they were scattered to eight Arab countries, few took notice of the families left behind.

There are no accurate estimates of how many family members remain now that the 11,000 terrorists are gone.

PLO sources said yesterday that the departing PLO members and their families had been given three months' salary and benefits in advance to hold them over until the confusion caused by the expulsion is settled.

Government estimates say 50,000 Palestinians remain in Lebanon — some legal refugees, others illegal immigrants — and all face an uncertain future now that the PLO's state within a state is being dismantled.

For now the wife and two children of a PLO man evacuated to any of the eight countries can count on about \$200 a month in support payments from the terrorist

organization, PLO sources say.
However, they caution that the bureaucracy the PLO built up during the 12 years it grew in Lebanon may soon deteriorate and leave the Palestinians who counted on the organization for money and protection dependent on the Lebanese government.

As 34-year-old rightist Christian Lebanese Forces commander Bashir Jemayel prepares to take over as president, there is much uncertainty about the policies he will adopt toward the Palestinians who are left here.

Until now many Palestinians have depended on their own people to provide schooling, jobs and protection. With Jemayel coming to office on a strong nationalist line, the Palestinian civilians here are worried.

"Who is going to look after us now?" one middle-aged Palestinian who is here as a legal refugee asked yesterday. "I don't see any reason to put my faith in Jemayel."

For the moment at least, the hand of the PLO is still at work in the streets and alleys of the refugee camps around Beirut.

In the King Faisal School in the heart of the Bourj al-Barajneh camp, a group of men were busy stockpiling food yesterday for distribution to Palestinian refugees. The food came from PLO storehouses.

Just two weeks ago that school was full of PLO terrorists, their guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

PLO OUSTER

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Yasser Arafat, entered a building for identification by Lebanese security agents and surrendered their arms for the duration of the voyage.

According to the Israel Defence Forces, 14,847 Palestinians and Syrians were evacuated since the operation began last Saturday.

The passenger ship *Mediterranean Sun* sailed out of the Beirut port at 12.08 p.m., bound for the Syrian port of Tartus.

Among the last expellees were the PLO's top security chief, Salah Khalaf, better known as Abu Iyad,

and Chief of Staff Sa'ad Sayel, known as Abul Walid.

Khalaf had kept his departure plans secret until the last moment, so much so that a series of false reports of his evacuation circulated during the past week. The Lebanese officer in command of the port and a member of the Mourabitoun watching the convoys pass both confirmed he left yesterday.

The expulsion process, begun August 21, had originally been scheduled to last until next Sunday. But it went more smoothly and rapidly than expected.

Goldmann to be buried Mt. Herze

By JUDY SIEGEL
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The only non-Jewish foreign dignitary expected to attend the funeral of Nahum Goldmann in Jerusalem today is Alex Meller, a personal representative of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and former finance minister of West Germany.

Goldmann's coffin arrived yesterday and was met at Ben-Gurion airport by officials of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish National Fund.

Goldmann, who died on Sunday night in Bavaria at the age of 87, will be buried on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem next to Berl Locker, who was chairman of the Zionist Executive in the 1950s.

Mubarak intends to visit U.S. this winter

CAIRO. — President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday he plans to visit the U.S. late this year or early next year at President Ronald Reagan's invitation.

Mubarak said concerted Arab action and all-round recognition of the importance of America's "full partner" role are essential to an overall Middle East settlement.

But he stuck to his position that

there can be no resumption of Israeli-Egyptian-American negotiations on Palestinian autonomy so long as Israeli forces occupy Lebanese territory.

Mubarak briefed reporters after a 90-minute meeting with U.S. Ambassador Alfred Atherton, who reported on his recent consultations in Washington. Atherton returned to Cairo on Monday.



A newborn elephant, as yet unnamed, poses for its first baby picture yesterday with its mother, Varda, at the Ramat Gan zoo. Sired by Motek, the calf weighed 80 kilograms at birth. (Havakuk Levison)

League leaders invited to party for Weinberger

By DAVID RICHARDSON
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Leaders of the West Bank village leagues and mayors in the administered areas were among the guests at a cocktail party given last night by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, for visiting U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

The leaders, who met Sharon just before his visit to Washington last week, were recently given the go-ahead to set themselves up as the nascent administration of the "self-governing authority" stipulated in the Camp David agreements.

Earlier this week, they met and announced the formation of a federation of village leagues to be based in Ramallah. It is assumed that this federation will increase their economic and political strength vis-a-vis the West Bank municipalities, that the government regards as controlled by the PLO. The federation will apparently

receive a budget from the Judea and Samaria civil administration, which it will allocate and administer in the areas of its jurisdiction — which now covers most rural parts of Judea and Samaria. This, the government hopes, will also extend the political influence of the leagues.

The civil administration and the military government have meanwhile extended their control over the universities in the areas, also regarded as hotbeds of PLO sentiment, by demanding that every student from outside the areas wishing to register at a university first obtain permission from the civil administration.

Birzeit University, the leading but not the largest of the West Bank universities, was closed three times during the last academic year and several of the other institutions were closed for shorter periods following clashes between students and soldiers.

Defence Secretary praises IDF

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger last night had high praise for the "enormous competence and strength of the Israel Defence Forces," and said they served as an example for other armies in the world.

Responding to welcoming remarks by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon at the Tel Aviv Hilton, Weinberger said "it is known to you that the Israel Defence Forces are considered a model of professional

skill and competence."
Apparently avoiding any controversial political matters, Weinberger said that having just come from Beirut, he was looking forward to his first ever visit to Israel, and paid tribute to the deep friendship between the U.S. and Israel.

Sharon said Israel has proved that a small nation can stand up to and defeat international terrorism and totalitarianism, and that the U.S. and Israel share the same values.

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of course, the solution to the Palestinian problem, as opposed to just the PLO. And that is something that is an absolute essential if we are to have anything like a permanent peace."

But he skirted a question on whether he "really" believed Israel would relinquish Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District. He said he has a habit of not speculating or guessing about "anything."

Weinberger said that U.S. Marines will be withdrawn from Beirut within "a few days" and that he expects U.S. military aid to Lebanon to be increased to strengthen the war-torn country. He also said he sees no reason for the French and Italian troops that make up the multinational peacekeeping force to remain much longer, though the decision to pull them out will be up to the individual countries.

"Practically speaking, the mission of this group is pretty well completed," Weinberger told a news

conference following a day of meetings with Lebanese and U.S. officials and visits with the Marines in the city's port.

"I don't envision anything that would take more than a few days," Weinberger said, referring to how long the Marines would remain in Beirut.

Then he added, referring to the entire multinational force, "I don't know of any particular duty that would require anybody to stay more than a few days."

35 hurt in collision

Thirty-five passengers of a bus on its way to Jerusalem were injured yesterday when it was struck by 2 trucks in an accident at the Shimon junction.

Twenty-five of the injured were taken to the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, and 10 others made their own way to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, where they were treated and released.

NEWS ANALYSIS/Asher Wallfish

Leak seen as try to force showdown

The leak to Israel Radio yesterday morning of a version of the message that U.S. President Ronald Reagan sent to Prime Minister Menachem Begin on the future of the peace process appears to be a deliberate attempt to force a confrontation with Washington.

On Tuesday night, only two Israelis knew what the message said: Begin, and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon. Yesterday, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, was informed. But as far as *The Jerusalem Post* could ascertain the rest of the cabinet has to wait until this morning's extraordinary session, on third-hand knowledge.

The style of the leak was reminiscent of the attempt last month to accuse senior American diplomats in Beirut of collusion against Israel. That attempt was generally traced back to the Defence Ministry.

Begin has no enmity with him at his holiday site from whom the leak could have originated. But whether Begin or Sharon was the source of yesterday's bombshell, the leak will inevitably stampede the cabinet into squaring up against the Reagan administration over the autonomy issue. It will make the cabinet go on record on the ideas floated by Reagan and give it an excuse not to return to the autonomy talks.

The cabinet hardliners, apparently centering on an alliance between Sharon and Tehiya Minister Yuval Ne'eman, seem to be cutting down the government's room for manoeuvre over Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District and closing options that — if left open — might have made negotiations possible.

Ne'eman's call to answer Reagan's idea of a settlement freeze with a major settlement drive suggests that the source of the leak wished to help Tehiya get the settlement budgets that the Treasury is withholding from it.

The leak also enables the Tehiya faction with its three Knesset Members to threaten a parliamentary crisis if the cabinet decides to placate Reagan.

The result of the leak is a hardening not only of Israel's stand but also that of the U.S. Otherwise, Washington would lose even more face in the Arab world than it lost over charges of collusion with Israel in the Lebanon crisis.

Reagan's message must have been inspired by suggestions in Jerusalem, including at cabinet meetings, that deviation from the Camp David framework could lead to the application of Israeli law to the areas, and thus virtual annexation. It must also have been inspired by recurrent statements from Sharon and Shamir, especially that

the Palestine Arabs already have their state — Jordan. Shamir said it again yesterday.

Agitation was caused in Jerusalem at the beginning of the week by Sharon's preliminary reports on his meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz. Till now, only Begin knows what Shultz actually said about "a demilitarized Palestine Arab state."

Whatever the case, the differences of opinion between Washington and Jerusalem over autonomy could no longer be glossed over, and the decision to leak the Reagan message may have been in the nature of a preemptive strike aimed to take place before the Reagan television address late last night, and hence to influence its contents, which on delivery will become official U.S. policy.

At a closed meeting last month with Jewish leaders in Washington, Shultz stressed that Camp David lent itself to various interpretations and that the U.S. would determine its interpretations on the basis of American interests.

One such American interest, after Operation Peace for Galilee, is to prove urgently to the Arab world, that Israel is not leading it by the nose. Another such American interest, now that the PLO has been weakened, is to make it worthwhile for Jordan to resume its role as patron of the Palestinian Arabs.

Some ideas raised by Reagan, like the settlement freeze, have been repeated by the U.S. again and again. Some, like permitting East Jerusalem Arabs to vote in the elections to the autonomy council, have been advocated by U.S. representatives in diplomatic contacts. But the stress on linkage between the West Bank and Jordan is new and therefore alarming for the Government, as also the suggestion that the Arabs of Judea and Samaria handle their own security.

The ideas raised by Reagan, which have been developing for many weeks, were reportedly tested first among U.S. Senate leaders and were largely approved. Reagan thus assumes that Israel will not be able to mobilize a campaign in Congress against his new ideas on the autonomy.

The Reagan administration is also aware that Israel is on the defensive in American public opinion because of the Lebanon operation and that although the damage to Israel's image is being steadily repaired, it has a chance of public support for a vigorous policy on autonomy.

The U.S. may also believe that American Jews are not as solidly behind the Begin government on such issues as settlement in the areas as they are on arms sales to the Arab states, for instance.

MA'ALE ADUMIM

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Levy for the example he is setting in building new cities, especially around Jerusalem, and quoted from the Talmud: "How do you acquire possession of Eretz Yisrael? By living in it."

The inauguration ceremony, held in the area planned to become the municipal park, had all the appearance of the event of national importance assigned to it by Levy and Goren. More than 3,000 persons attended, the majority coming by bus and car from Jerusalem and further afield (including a group from Kiryat Shmona).

The government was well represented by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori, Minister without Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i, Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katav, and Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir. Other public figures who attended included State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik, Deputy Chief-of-Staff Aluf Moshe Levy, and Housing Ministry Director-General Asher Wiener.

Ma'ale Adumim, which is first

mentioned in the Book of Joshua, was chosen by the Labour government in November 1974 to be the site of a major industrial park for the Jerusalem area.

The original intention of the government was that Ma'ale Adumim should be only an industrial area, and permanent housing should not be erected there (except for the workers). But in March 1975, a nucleus of Gush Etzion and others squatted there and the government eventually accepted the settlement as permanent.

By the time the Likud came to power in June 1977, both the industrial park and the housing were well established. One of the last acts of the Rabin government was to recommend to the incoming Likud that a permanent satellite town to Jerusalem be built there, with 5,000 housing units.

Since Levy laid the cornerstones of the town, in August 1979, some 2,250 flats and a large part of the communal infrastructure have been built. However, only about 500 of the 1,500 families that have bought flats in Ma'ale Adumim live there.

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Parties astir over Reagan's letter

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — Sources close to the Labour Party leadership yesterday expressed gratification at the news of the message from President Ronald Reagan. They told *The Jerusalem Post* that "this is certainly the most important and positive American move since the Camp David initiative."

These are not official reactions, although the sentiment is shared by a number of the party's top office holders. Officially, party chairman Shimon Peres did not react yesterday, saying that he does not yet have authoritative information about the content of Reagan's message to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The sources said that Peres may react today, but that meanwhile "he is busy collecting information on the American message."

The sources stressed the similarity between what is known of the message and the Labour Party plan for a Jordanian-Palestinian state. They noted that in his recent visit to Washington, Peres raised his party's "Jordanian option" plan in

all his meetings with U.S. leaders. Sources in the Prime Minister's Office indeed recalled the Peres meetings yesterday and pointed to Begin's recent words at a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, where he accused Peres of "peddling certain ideas in America that we have indications are now reappearing in various American plans."

The Labour Party sources explained yesterday that while their party "continues to oppose an imposed solution and one-sided interpretation of the Camp David agreement, the trend in Washington to agree to a Jordanian-Palestinian state is a distinct Israeli interest, providing that it is worked into a package deal that guarantees defensible frontiers for Israel, demilitarization of all territories ceded by Israel and a unified Jerusalem. If this is possible, such a solution would be optimal for Israel."

Another Alignment constituent, the Citizens Rights Movement, called on the government yesterday "not to wait until the Americans start squeezing hard. Israel must

now end all settlement" in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District. But the Tehiya secretariat, which met twice yesterday, urged that the reaction to the American message be two fold: Extension of Israeli law to Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District, and a massive settlement drive.

The Liberal youth ideological circle said yesterday that "the Americans have apparently decided to order Israel what to do. The latest American ideas smack of Labour's Jordanian option." The group called on the government to "stand fast against American dictates and make its position clear not only through words, but also by such actions as increased settlement. This perhaps is as opportune a moment as we will ever have for annexing Judea and Samaria."

The Mapam information team yesterday urged the government to change its policy in Judea and Samaria and its interpretation of the Camp David accords, in order to spare Israel from having to choose between surrendering to an American *diktat* and confronting the U.S.



Adi Zuckerman (right), secretary-general of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents, and Yitzhak Wald (left), Mayor of Kfar Sava, marked the opening of the school year yesterday by helping these youngsters in Kfar Sava to cross the road safely. Similar work was done by Mayors Teddy Kollek in Jerusalem, Arie Gur-El in Haifa and Menachem Rothschild in Bat Yam.

(Photo: Michael Freidlin)

Court staffs ordered to return to work

By ISRAEL AMIRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim ordered about 200 striking court workers back to work, and published emergency regulations forbidding anyone from disrupting court work.

Tel Aviv District Court President Binyamin Cohen yesterday called police to remove barricades that workers placed at the entrances to courts, following his ruling that disrupting court work violates the Penal Code.

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has warned that anyone blocking access to court may face criminal charges.

Courts were virtually at a standstill throughout the country yesterday as 1,200 court workers performed what they called "partial work." Workers in Tel Aviv and in Haifa blocked entrances to courthouses. Elsewhere, workers refused to attend the public, lawyers, or district-attorney employees.

The injunctions are for "essential services" such as remands, bail, and temporary alimony payments. Nissim said that any worker disregarding the injunctions risks being charged in court or in disciplinary court, and of being sued for damages, suspended, or fired.

Zamir said that any worker who violates a back-to-work order will face trial and a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$150,000 fine, or both.

Nissim acknowledged that workers had the right to strike, but drew a distinction between that and disrupting work.

In this case, Nissim said, disrupting the administration of justice was not simply another expression of job dissatisfaction, but interference with a "supreme, constitutional value" of the public's having a free access to the courts.

Nissim then said he recognized

there was a "certain truth" to the workers' demands for pay increases. He asserted, however, that the workers had suddenly added another demand just before they were to sign an agreement that would have increased their monthly salaries by \$2,000 retroactively in April.

The workers demand that about 80 Courts Administration employees receive the same pay increase, Nissim said that this demand could not be met. "Any increase," Nissim said, "will violate the collective agreement of workers in the public sector, and will generate intolerable demands from everyone."

The ministry, Nissim said, tried to deal with the workers delicately since they first went on a partial strike early in June. He said workers since then had not handled any material that reached the courts during the strike, causing suffering to many people who need alimony payments, documents from wills, etc. He said ministry personnel refer to the unhandled files as the "captive material."

Also yesterday, hundreds of Justice Ministry employees did not report to work in a warning strike taken as a one-day organized leave to press their demand that the pay increases given to court workers be given to them, too. They did not declare a labour dispute.

Jeffrey Heller adds.

After Tel Aviv District Court President Cohen yesterday ordered police to remove table-and-chair barricades, the workers vowed their strike would continue.

"It is disgusting to do things like this in the State of Israel," said Anwar Levy, a member of the works committee about Cohen's decision.

"We will blacklist him completely," Levy said, noting that the union had already instructed the judge's secretary not to show up for work.

Yitzhak Hofi nominated as next head of Electric Corp.

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman yesterday nominated Yitzhak Hofi as the new general manager of the Israel Electric Corporation (IEC). He is to succeed Eytan Jacobson, who resigned last month after losing the support of the board following demands by the IEC works committee that he be dismissed.

The board is to vote on the nomination before Rosh Hashana. *The Jerusalem Post* learns that Berman nominated Hofi after consulting the board and management of the government-owned IEC.

Hofi, 55, was born in Tel Aviv and served with the Armed Forces for 30 years after joining the pre-state Palmah underground in 1944. His positions included OC Northern Command and his last post was head of the Israel Defence Forces operations branch and deputy chief-of-staff. He retired from the IDF in 1974 and, according to foreign forces, had since served as head of the secret Mossad intelligence service.

In a statement to the press, the Energy Ministry spokesman said Berman had nominated Hofi because, while he considered the IEC's technical personnel to be "excellent," the "present situation" in the corporation made it imperative for it to be headed by "an authoritative personality of standing" such as retired general Hofi. The IEC has had several ex-



Yitzhak Hofi

generals in top positions, but they were often frustrated when workers balked at the changes they sought to introduce to increase efficiency.

Time and again the works committee has proved that it is the real power in the IEC and has often been able to impress the workers' will on management rather than the other way round.

The chairman of the works committee, Yoram Obracovich, refused last night to comment on the appointment. After Jacobson resigned, the workers resolved to insist on the job's being given to a present staff member. However, they have been unable to agree among themselves on a candidate, because of the rivalry between the leaderships of the Haifa and Tel Aviv staffs. As a result, Hofi's appointment may go through without their opposition.

From book reviewer to defence secretary

Caspar Willard Weinberger was born in San Francisco in 1917, graduated from Harvard College in 1938 and Harvard Law School in 1941, and came out of four years of service in World War II with the rank of captain.

After the war he practised law in California and then served as a Republican member of the State Assembly. He reviewed books for a San Francisco newspaper from 1959 to 1968.

In 1970, he was appointed chairman of the Federal Trade Commission by then president Richard Nixon. Two years later, he became Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

From 1973 until August 1975, Weinberger was U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. He resigned to take a position as director of the mammoth Bechtel Corporation.

He was chosen by President Reagan to be Secretary of Defence in 1981.

Weinberger is married and has two children. His paternal grandfather was Jewish, but he is Episcopalian.

SPACE — The Soviet Union yesterday launched Cosmos 1403 "to continue space exploration," Tass said.

Arens: 'Don't panic in face of U.S. pressure'

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — Israel's ambassador to Washington, Moshe Arens, said yesterday that "Israel must not panic in the face of American pressure. We have known pressure before and we shall resist all pressure now." Arens was speaking to members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee less than 24 hours after arriving here.

Arens was referring to the recent letter sent by President Ronald Reagan to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, which reportedly deals with new moves to solve the Palestinian question.

Arens said that before he left Washington, "no one told me about such a message. Had the administration's representatives confided in me, I would have advised them to first open a series of consultations with Israel. Then, if necessary, it would still have been possible to send such a message later, after other possibilities had been exhausted," Arens said.

In the discussion that followed,

Labour dove Yosef Sarid compared Israel to "the prisoner who refuses to free himself from the bonds of his own policy. Perhaps this American initiative is a welcome development, if Israel is incapable of coming up with its own initiative on the Palestinian question, which has become far more acute as a result of the war in Lebanon."

Labour secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev, giving an indication of how the message is viewed by the party leadership, argued that "Reagan is not necessarily deviating from the letter and the spirit of the Camp David accord, as the government seems to argue. The U.S. attitude, as one can gather from what has been made public of the message, has not changed as far as the Judea and Samaria settlements are concerned."

Likud Knesset Member Yigael Hurvitz agreed with Bar-Lev at least on one point. He said that "from what we know of it, the U.S. message does not herald a new American policy. This is nothing but another incarnation of the old

infamous Rogers plan, which the Americans had skillfully camouflaged until now."

Hurvitz accused Sarid of "doing nothing less than actually inviting foreign pressure to be applied on his own country. He is asking for an imposed solution, and this is one of the most dangerous positions ever taken by an Israeli politician from a Zionist party."

Coalition MKs who spoke at yesterday's session all had a similar message. Herut's Ronnie Milo said that "if Reagan has really written what the press said he has, our response must be extension of Israeli law to Judea, Samaria and Gaza."

Tehiya's Geula Cohen heartily supported this suggestion, and added that a further response must be "a massive settlement effort."

The National Religious Party's Rabbi Haim Druckman said that "American *diktats* must be rejected out of hand, and we must make it clear right here and now that we will not surrender vital national interests."

At close of Hadassah convention

Ben-Elissar: 'Won't bow to U.S.'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel will never accept settlement in the administered territories and will never agree to any interpretation of autonomy that opens the way to a Palestinian state, Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman Elihu Ben-Elissar said last night.

Addressing the closing session of the Hadassah convention at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma, Ben-Elissar did not indicate that he was responding directly to President Ronald Reagan's latest letter to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, but he dealt with the contents of the letter as reported by journalists.

He maintained that as a result of Operation Peace for Galilee, the U.S. influence in the Middle East has soared to a level it had not reached since the 1950s and 1960s. "Nobody looks now to Moscow, only to Washington," he declared, "thanks to us."

In such circumstances, he indicated, it would be most ungrateful for the U.S. to press Israel to depart

from Camp David or to agree to new interpretations of what was meant by autonomy.

Mayor Teddy Kollek presented Hadassah and its leaders with gold medals, one designed by Jacques Lipchitz, and Hadassah presented him with a gold medal.

Frieda Lewis was unanimously re-elected national president of Hadassah for a third one-year term. In her address closing the convention Lewis warned the delegates that the demands that will be made on the members of Hadassah will be even greater than they were in the past year, because of Israel's economic difficulties.

Referring to the slogan of the Convention, "One People, One Heart," she said: "If this is not to be an empty slogan, it means that we are at one with the Israeli soldier in his tank, the Israeli farmer in his field, the Israeli worker in his factory, the Israeli doctor and nurse in their hospital, the Israeli teacher in his school — we are at one with Israelis everywhere, working to strengthen the

beloved country. And time, time, time is pressing on our backs, so much to do, such little time to do it all."

She congratulated Israel on launching the Israel Festival, on thinking of matters of the spirit, even while the country was involved in a war for survival.

Bea Feldman, national treasurer, presenting her annual report, announced that collections in the past year had exceeded \$45 million, compared to \$38m. in the preceding year. In view of the economic problems in Israel, the convention accepted, even larger funding for Hadassah institutions in Israel in the coming year.

On Wednesday, the Charlotte Jacobson Schoolhouse was dedicated in the Youth Aliya village of Ramat Hadassah Zsold. Yesterday, the Fashion Department of the Hadassah-Seligberg-Brandeis Comprehensive High School presented a fashion show on the theme "Jerusalem of Gold."

Shofar-maker's callup causes horn shortage

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Operation Peace for Galilee has created an unforeseen crisis, a shortage of shofarot for the High Holy Days, due to the extended callup of shofar makers.

The national shortage is especially acute because of the many extra prayer services that will be held in field synagogues in Lebanon for thousands of Jewish soldiers.

Zvi Bar-Sheshet, the country's principal maker of shofarot, the

ram's horn that is blown during the High Holy Day services as one of its most important elements, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he is working overtime now after seven weeks of reserve duty. With Rosh Hashana just over a fortnight away, he knows he will be unable to supply even half the 200 ordered by the Religious Affairs Ministry, many of them for the Israel Defence Forces.

Bar-Sheshet said that notwithstanding the shortage, he has not raised prices above the in-

flation rate and he hopes that "somehow" all the field synagogues will have a shofar, old or new.

Menachem Horowitz writes: The Defence Forces chaplaincy is busy with preparations for the High Holy Days, and its representatives are visiting units in the field in search of shofar blowers and cantors. The more such "congregational emissaries" there are in the field, the fewer reservists will have to be called up to perform the tasks.

Some 3,500 succa kits are being sent to Lebanon. The kits contain all the components of the succa booths, including the *schach* (foliage) for the roof, to avoid despoliation of the Lebanese landscape.

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Return to school called 'smoothest' in many years

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sporting new briefcases on their backs, thousands of Israeli children began first grade yesterday as some 1.25 million pupils returned to school.

In a lesson that has become virtually a ritual, the first graders opened their notebooks and copied "Shalom, Kita Alef" ("Hello, first grade") as proud parents stood by, some with cameras in hand.

It was the Education and Culture Ministry spokesman said, the smoothest school opening in many years.

The most serious incident was in Nahariya, where the municipality refused to permit some 300 pupils from the nearby settlements of Shlomi and Ma'alot into the town's schools. According to municipal authorities, the ministry has not yet handed over the funds to pay for the additional pupils.

When parents from the nearby communities tried yesterday to get their children into the schools by force, these were closed down entirely. The minister of education later obtained a court order to force Nahariya to take in the additional children.

However, a special emergency unit set up by the ministry was disbanded by 9 a.m. yesterday, because of the small number of complaints received.

Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer spent the first day of school with pupils of the first grade in the State Religious Comprehensive School in Yavne. This is the first school to be built according to a unit system, developed at Tel Aviv University, which is said to encourage individual advancement at the child's own pace.

Elsewhere, in some 65 neighbourhoods that are part of

Project Renewal, parents of about 10,000 four-year-olds were exempted from school fees for their pre-kindergarten youngsters. This was the first step towards the abolition of pre-kindergarten fees for the entire country. Until now, the fees have been set according to a graduated scale, depending on the parent's income.

In the country's Arab sector, five new elementary schools were opened, in addition to two high schools and two comprehensive high schools.

Some 150,000 pupils went back to school in the Gaza District yesterday. But in Judea and Samaria the civil administration has postponed the opening of schools for three weeks.

In Acre, some 350 Arab pupils of the Terra Sancta elementary school were kept away by a strike called by the Western Galilee teachers' union in protest against the administration's failure to compensate teachers who had been fired. In Rechasiim, east of Haifa, about 160 Orthodox parents and their children protested outside the municipality over the failure to provide a special kindergarten for the group.

Michael Yudelman adds: Violence, swearing parents and weeping children marked the opening of the new school year yesterday at the Neve Zohar Hagall school in Tel Aviv, where parents of local pupils prevented the beginning of studies.

About 50 parents blocked the school entrance, allowing only the principal and teachers to enter, in protest against the city's sending Neve Zohar first-graders to a school in the Hatikva quarter and bringing Neve Barbour's first-graders to Hagall school. City Education Administration Director Shimshon Shoshani was roughed up.

Arab councils bemoan budget shortage

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH — The heads of the Arab local authorities are to meet next week to discuss financial difficulties they say are caused by the government's refusal to give them the same amount of money as their Jewish counterparts.

The meeting of the National Committee of Arab Local Councils is to take place at Mi'ilya in Western Galilee.

In Nazareth, the town's garbage collectors are the only municipal employees to be paid since July. Deputy Mayor Ramas Jerassi said this was because the Interior Ministry owes the municipality \$10

million. The ministry, he said, has also failed to approve Nazareth's new budget.

Officials dealing with Arab affairs say the ministry has doubled and even tripled Arab-council budgets over the past year. The councils, however, have not made a parallel effort to increase their own revenues from the populations they serve, the officials say.

Nazareth's fiscal problems, the officials say, result from the failure of the municipality to cover its share of last year's approved budget, mainly because it has failed to collect municipal rates from all residents according to regulations.

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Hu blasts Hua at party congress

PEKING (Reuters). — Chairman Hu Yaobang, in a report to the 12th congress of the Chinese Communist Party, which opened yesterday, indirectly attacked his predecessor, Hua Guofeng, for advocating leftist policies and obstructing reforms.

The official New China news agency said that Hu, who took over as party leader 14 months ago, criticized the political report made to the last congress five years ago by his predecessor.

Hu said that although the 11th congress played a positive role in announcing the end of the extremist "cultural revolution" launched by Mao Tse-tung in 1966, Hua's report still upheld its erroneous theories, policies and slogans.

It had thus exerted a negative influence by seriously obstructing the efforts of the party to set things right, the agency reported Hu as saying.

His remarks indicated that Hua, Mao's chosen successor, could be in for a further bout of criticism at the 12th congress. He was accused of leftist errors when he was demoted to sixth vice-chairman at a meeting

of the ruling Central Committee in June 1981, but since then criticism has been muted.

Hu, at 67 six years older than the man he replaced, is a protégé of the powerful Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping.

Praising the party's successes since Deng's policies won out at a major meeting in December 1978, Hu said it had repudiated the erroneous Maoist theory of continuing revolution.

"The party has resolutely broken the fetters of dogmatism and the personality cult," Hu was quoted as saying in another veiled criticism of Hua, who had himself been referred to officially as "the wise leader" after Mao died.

He told the 1,700 delegates that the party had now restored the original features of Mao's thought, and "developed" it under new historical conditions.

After a major reassessment of Mao's role last year, China still regards him as a great leader but criticizes him for extremist mistakes committed in the last 20 years of his rule.

Gomulka is dead at 77



Wladyslaw Gomulka

WARSAW (Reuters). — Wladyslaw Gomulka, Poland's Communist ruler for 14 years in the post-World War II era, died yesterday, the state radio reported. He was 77.

Gomulka was a founder of the Polish Workers' Party, forerunner of the present Communist Party, and helped steer Poland through its first years of Communist government after World War II.

Gomulka fell from power in 1948, made a triumphant return in 1956 on the crest of a wave of popularity — and was then forced to resign in 1970.

Enthusiastic Poles cheered in the streets when Gomulka was restored as head of the Communist Party in October, 1956 after seven years in disgrace — three of them in prison — for "right-wing nationalist deviation" in the repressive Stalinist era.

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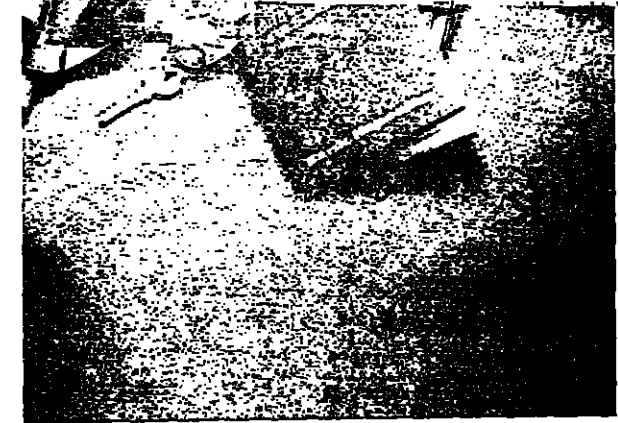
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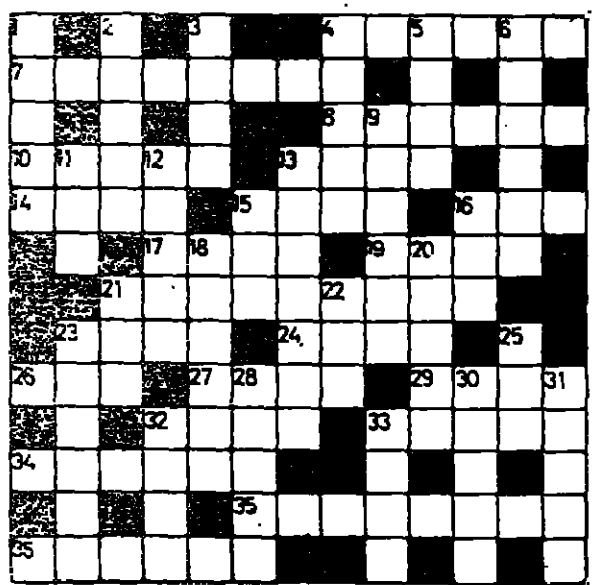
ACROSS

- 4 Mess about, putting letters in a file (6)
- 7 He alters the price for Val (8)
- 8 The water canoes need (6)
- 10 They're lucky in a fairish degree (5)
- 13 Purchases by us, possibly (4)
- 14 Moderate article in various ways (4)
- 15 The sound of some buses and a car (4)
- 16 Ask an engaging question, dad (3)
- 17 Vessel taking father half a mile (4)
- 19 Should this not be "a man"? (4)
- 21 One with the political attitude of a tough ruler? (4, 5)
- 23 Make me and an officer run! (4)
- 24 One-man club (4)
- 26 Female giving a low cry (3)
- 27 Captain's anchor (4)
- 29 It's dull being a doctor, Jack! (4)
- 32 Go round with an act (4)
- 33 With which a character can give the audience ideas (5)
- 34 The benefit from fighting to keep a communist out (6)
- 35 One finds it even in algebra (8)
- 36 Person potting Poles on the pier, possibly (6)

DOWN

- 1 It's a nuisance when a hip's broken (5)
- 2 Drag in, possibly (5)
- 3 The main substance of a helmet (4)
- 4 Baking product used by one learner in four (5)
- 5 Serves the wrong dose (4)
- 6 Place of pride (6)
- 9 Nasty chap giving a curly anagram (6)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



- 11 Music paper? (3)
- 12 Part of a flower quietly swallowed by an animal (5)
- 13 Valuable bull sharing something with a lion (7)
- 15 Offer made in a letter I had (3)
- 16 Some person a policeman can do without (3)
- 18 King of legend (6)
- 20 Improves for many purposes (5)
- 21 Cut some of the wood (3)
- 22 Vex by being a bit of a shirker (3)
- 23 Like up-to-date cons? (6)
- 25 A dashing yet stable fellow (3)
- 28 One has no choice but to fill it (5)
- 30 I join Joe in the middle of the road, the stiff! (5)
- 31 Hill, perhaps (5)
- 32 Do a packing job pressingly (4)
- 33 Name a piece of land (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS. — 1. Aspie, 6. Cable car, 9. Musical, 10. Grape (chutney), 11. Ratty, 12. Me-ATS, 13. Harrier, 15. Tob, 17. Exit, 18. Canoe, 19. C-b-in, 20. G-R-avel, 22. Lira, 24. Eat, 25. Pellen-a, 26. Sear, 27. Bijou, 28. Stand, 29. Ar-rival, 30. Merry (Merrie), 31. Wendy (house), 32. Little, 33. Rained, 35. Pip-it, 36. Sear, 28. Saw.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS. — 1. Crowd, 6. Cedar, 9. Highway, 10. Again, 11. L-pair, 12. Fused, 13. Hooker, 15. Bus, 17. Idly, 18. Persh, 19. Occur, 20. Ermine, 22. Tume, 24. Sub, 25. Sighted, 26. Trawl, 27. Cameo, 28. Paper, 29. Nucleus, 30. Heads, 31. Ghost, 32. DOWN. — 2. Ragged, 3. Whisky, 4. Din, 5. Shear, 6. Caterer, 7. Eyot, 8. Aftack, 12. Fence, 13. Hides, 14. Climb, 15. Bigot, 16. Shred, 19. Pupit, 19. Onerous, 31. Rotate, 22. Thrash, 23. Merry, 25. Sall, 26. Tend, 28. Pug.

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 4 Violin (6)
- 7 Soccer foul (8)
- 8 Corrects (6)
- 10 Indian coin (5)
- 13 Bog fuel (4)
- 14 Hunted creatures (4)
- 15 Allows (4)
- 16 Fish (3)
- 17 Frank (4)
- 19 Soviet news agency (4)
- 21 Unblemished (9)
- 23 The majority (4)
- 24 Songs (4)
- 26 Unopened flower (3)
- 27 Incline (4)
- 29 Ireland (4)
- 32 Crooked (4)
- 33 Academy Award (5)
- 34 Have enough money (6)
- 35 Alienate (8)
- 36 Mean (6)

DOWN

- 1 Acute (5)
- 2 Marsh-bird (5)
- 3 Woodwind instrument (4)
- 4 Navy (5)
- 5 Composition for two (4)
- 6 Shelves (6)
- 7 Teacher (6)
- 11 Large vase (3)
- 12 River islands (5)
- 13 Signalling flag (7)
- 15 Garland (3)
- 16 Letter (3)
- 18 Salesman's talk (6)
- 20 Beasts of Burden (5)
- 21 Lump of turf (3)
- 22 Cover (3)
- 23 Toasted cake (6)
- 25 Undergarment (4)
- 28 Concluded (5)
- 30 Sugar coating (5)
- 31 Was mistaken (5)
- 32 Drill (4)
- 33 Paddles (4)

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

NEWS IN BRIEF

Big floods in India

NEW DELHI (AP). — More than 1,000 persons are feared dead in widespread flooding in the coastal districts of eastern Orissa state, officials sources in India said yesterday.

Monsoon-swollen rivers also continued to rampage in the northern states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Cuba would delay debt payments to West

LONDON (AP). — Cuba is seeking to defer payments to Western banks because of economic problems caused by a sharp fall in world sugar prices, the drying up of new loans, and hardship caused by a U.S. trade embargo, *The Financial Times* said yesterday.

The British business daily said Cuban authorities sent a message to Western banks asking for authority to defer repayments for up to 10 years of principal due between now and the end of 1985 on its hard-currency foreign debt of \$3 billion.

Mozambican rebels hold six Bulgarian engineers

LISBON (UPI). — The Bulgarian embassy in Mozambique confirmed yesterday that rebels backed by South Africa have taken hostage six Bulgarian civil engineers, including two women, the Portuguese ANOP news agency said.

Bulgarian Charge D'Affaires Metodi Dikov said he "lamented the abduction" on a road-construction project Saturday.

But the job action is having almost no effect since the port is suffering from acute underemployment caused by the absence of freighters.

The only section of the port that has more work than it can handle is the privately-owned Dagon silo.

Suez Canal to bring in \$1.25b. this year

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The \$750 million project to widen the Suez Canal so that it will be able to handle loaded super-tankers of up to 260,000 tons, is likely to be carried out successfully following an optimistic traffic forecast.

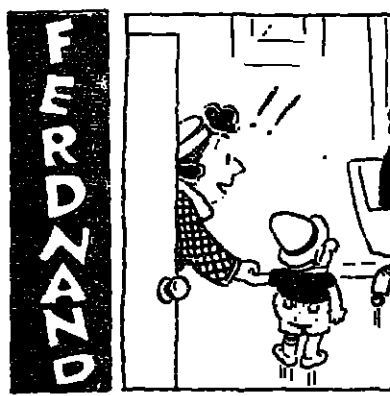
The latest bulletin of the Israel Shipping Research Institute reports that the chairman of the Canal Authority last month upped his income prediction for this year by 25 per cent, to \$1.25 billion. This follows an increase of \$34 million in Canal income during the first six months of the year, to \$478m. He also predicted that income would double to \$2.5b. by the end of the century.

Taxmen try to catch up with Arab citizens

The income tax authorities have decided to intensify collections among the country's Arab population. Within the framework of the drive numerous cases of tax evasion have come to light.

Tax revenue in the Netanyahu area has increased from only 157 million in fiscal 1980 to 15180m. last year. Numerous cases are coming to light of citizens not formerly included in the tax rolls as officials intensify their checking in Arab towns and villages in the area.

REVOLUTION. — Eilat is now in the process of introducing "revolutionary" equipment and methods to ensure city cleanliness, Mayor Gad Katz told reporters.



Delta to set up plant in England

TEL AVIV. — Delta Textiles plans to invest the equivalent of IS28m. (about \$1 million) in setting up a plant in England to sew leisure-time clothes.

This was announced yesterday by the company which noted that the cloth for the garments would be woven and finished in Israel.

Delta said that it planned to raise a total of IS240m. on the stock market during September with the balance of the money being used for the following projects: expanding the plant in Carmiel, IS50m.; expanding Arad Towels, IS22m.; IS30m. to buy various types of modern machinery, and the rest for working capital.

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM MUSEUMS

Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology; Art for Humour's Sake, Humour in contemporary art (till 7.9); Old Gods and Young Heroes, Pearlman Collection of Maya Ceramics; Statements in Colour, contemporary photography (till 4.9); On the Surface, approaches to paint and canvas in art of our time (till 6.9); Patents, Israeli products; Toys and Games of the Ancient World (Rockefeller Museum); Colour (Paley Centre, next to Rockefeller); Touch, children's exhibition; Artists' Tribute to Bertha Urdang (till 7.9); Special Exhibit, Islamic Armour (Rockefeller Museum); Special Exhibit: Gifts to Eliahu Dobkin Pavilion for Ancient Treasures; Special Exhibit: Throned Legs Cast in Bronze, from Samaria, 6th-4th cent. B.C.E.;

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Sports

Off-court crisis at U.S. Open

Post Sports Staff and Agencies

A crisis is threatening to envelop the U.S. Open tennis championships which got under way at Flushing Meadow in New York and it has nothing to do with play on the court. Five of the world's top players are threatening to follow the lead of Bjorn Borg and refuse to commit themselves to play a minimum of nine Grand Prix tournaments next year. If they do carry out their revolt they would be debarred from all Grand Prix tournaments other than the Grand Slam events which they have won in the past three years.

There is a suggestion that the five — John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl, Guillermo Vilas and Vitas Gerulaitis — are only shadow-boxing with the authorities. But if they fulfil the threat and go into self-imposed exile it could throw the whole international tennis scene into chaos. They have until next week to sign their renewed commitments for 1983.

On court the only major surprise on the opening day was the downing in the first round of the women's event of four-times champion Billy Jean King. Playing in the singles championship for the first time since 1978, Mrs. King was beaten by teenager Susan Mascarin who was born in 1964 — the year King quit tennis.

During last month the Bank of Israel absorbed a net \$500 million from the public through the sale of bonds. In total, the government spent \$156.4b. in excess of its revenues during August, leaving \$55.5b. as the net figure for added money in circulation.

Country's foreign debt up to \$18.4b.

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Israel's foreign currency debt totalled \$18.4 billion at the end of last March, compared to \$17.2b. at the end of March 1981, an increase of 7.1 per cent.

Figures released yesterday by the Bank of Israel show that the increase in the foreign debt was held in check by the drop in the value of the European currencies against the dollar by \$255m. during the April 1981-March 1982 period.

Not only has the debt increased,

but its structure has become slightly less favourable. At the end of last March 13.2 per cent of the debt was short-term, compared to 11.3 per cent at the end of March 1981. Long-term debt decreased from 75.1 per cent in March 1981 to 74.1 per cent in 1982.

Economists at the central bank estimate that the change in the structure of the debt was due to the growth of short-term credit received by the private sector. Public sector accounts show that the debt resulting from its activities remained stable in its structure.

'Ecologists' slowing conversion to coal

TEL AVIV. — "Demagogic" environmentalists are slowing the government's drive to increase the use of coal as a fuel, National Coal Supply Corporation chairman Yitzhak Moritz charged on Tuesday.

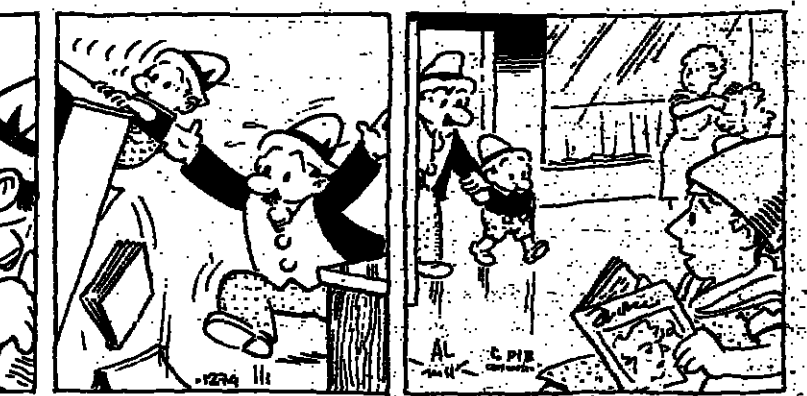
He called allegations about damage to the environment "baseless," and said that a large energy user interested in switching from oil to coal is hesitating only because restrictions might prevent the solid fuel from arriving at its plant after it invests in a changeover. The "ecologists" have so far prevented coal transport by land, he complained.

Responding to the charges, former MK Yosef Tamir, who today heads an umbrella organization of all environmentalist groups in the country, denied allegations by Moritz that the ecology issue is being used for political purposes. Op-

position to polluters cut across party lines when he was in the Knesset, Tamir said, from the Communists to the extreme right.

He said that the environmentalists accept the need to increase the use of coal, but only insist on adequate safeguards to prevent pollution in its combustion and transport. He cited the failure to enforce many existing laws, and cited the Electric Corporation's refusal "for lack of money" to install anti-pollution devices at its new Hadera power station after investing over \$1 billion in the plant's construction.

SMOKER. — A 53-year-old Thai man who gained national fame for chain smoking 120 cigarettes a day for the past 30 years was rushed to the hospital in critical condition yesterday because of severe breathing problems.



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Money Matters

European Finance Association to meet on H.U. campus

About 150 academics and executives from 15 countries will be taking part in the ninth annual meeting of the European Finance Association (E.F.A.), to be held at the Hebrew University September 6-8. This is the first time the association will hold its annual conference outside Europe.

The Israel venue for the meeting will be reflected in the special subjects to be raised in the discussions. Among these are financial decision-making under conditions of uncertainty, with special emphasis on the impact of taxation and inflation on financial decisions at the level of the firm.

During the meeting, which will take place at Belgium House, on the university's Givat Ram campus, some 75 research papers will be presented on financing of companies, investments, and capital markets, with special emphasis on banking.

The chairman of the organizing committee is Prof. Marshall Sarnat, of the Hebrew University's School of Business Administration. Currently a vice-president of the E.F.A., Prof. Sarnat is its president-designate.

Sponsoring the meeting are Israel's universities, the country's banks and the Association of Banks, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Zim and the Bank of Israel.

Holiday sales at chain stores

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Except for table salt no food items seem to be in short supply for the High Holiday table. The salt shortage is due to a strike of workers at the Athlit Salt Works. Some quantities of imported and more expensive salt may be available at certain stores, however.

All the food chains are holding special holiday sales, with the emphasis on wines and cleaning materials. The Dan-Hasharon supermarkets will add in some of their stores a colorful stand offering reduced prices on linens and back-to-school items, from schoolbags to text books and even flowers — maybe for the teacher.

Among the many items on sale at the Supersol chain, the emphasis is on drinks, from coffee to lemon-

FUND RATES

September 1, 1982	Unit	Redemption
Price	Price	Price
ANP	735.22	714.62
ADIR	423.40	410.36
ALNOB	229.30	232.63
ALON	1,665.61	1,616.09
ANAT	117.68	115.41
AMNOM	(2) 469.35	(2) 455.34
AVIV	875.93	869.51
AVIVA	368.82	361.08
BARAK	356.76	348.58
BARLEY	297.82	291.13
BOREACH	1,064.79	1,033.75
BRDOR	471.17	467.49
CALANIT	1,736.37	1,685.16
CAMPIT	198.20	189.40
DALAK	1,132.74	1,099.49
DEKEL	494.58	486.46
DOVEY	392.72	381.25
DUDVEVAN	121.04	118.76
EDOT	456.79	434.23
ETAN	318.87	309.54
ETREZ	249.58	242.28
ESHEL	446.65	433.54
ETROB	321.96	313.88
GALIT	217.19	212.74
GAVER	1,886.22	1,829.68
GIL	1,646.82	1,598.32
GOREN	698.27	678.41
GUY	121.71	118.85
KADASH	1,009.94	974.72
KALAMASH	228.42	221.70
INT	752.38	736.43
JERAN	1,456.44	1,412.09
KELA	644.98	633.70
KOCHAV	385.70	376.58
LAVIT	8,975.48	8,857.98
LAMASHURA	1,856.80	1,804.90
LAPID	154.56	150.06
LEONEN	198.11	192.33
MARAL	178.30	173.40
MARALIT	657.47	639.06
MARON	1,254.34	1,210.90
MAYAN	405.40	394.64
MAYAVAN	296.24(2)	287.50(2)
MEINAD	652.34	643.38
MEVAV	373.58	368.29
MIKSHA	190.68	185.07
MYVAN	133.06	129.16
MYVAN	266.28	261.73
MYVAN	476.96	468.01
MYVAN	318.89	309.54
NOGA	364.52	355.52
OPEN	2,353.57	2,298.75
OPEN	1,431.19	1,409.75
OPEN	1,393.94	1,323.45
OPEN	334.93(2)	325.04(2)
OPEN	261.23	255.40
PIA	1,130.20	1,097.39
RAKIPET	1,485.55	1,441.78
RENEF	199.60	193.35
ROBIT	229.54	224.27
SAAR	229.96	219.80
SAAR	234.20	229.92
SAVON	1,280.25	1,243.49
SELA	308.47	292.34
SHAMAM	212.98	206.30
SHAKED	(2) 756.77	(2) 734.45
SHAMIR	906.46	879.78
SHAVIT	194.97	189.30
SHENAV	455.55	443.13
SHENAV	247.13	238.35
SHIR	467.67	453.99
TAPOZ	308.77	299.85
TARSHIM	313.50	307.33
TEPRA	331.21	326.30
TIDAN	243.58	240.45
TIDAN	1,102.35	1,068.90
TIDAN	656.28	637.92
TIDAN	327.33	313.37
TIDAN	1,476.62	1,432.33
VERED	728.14	704.72
YALOM	1,756.76	1,705.10
YERODOT	—	—
YEVUL	141.77	137.82
ZIV	226.37	219.58
ZOHAR	245.01	237.79

More firms, ships and films on Kuwait blacklist

KUWAIT (AP). — The Kuwait Bureau for the Boycott of Israel yesterday blacklisted the French company MacGregor-Compair, an overland transport consultant, and all its subsidiaries, for failure to comply with the regulations of the Arab boycott of Israel.

The official gazette said the French company ignored an ultimatum to close its office in Israel, which has been providing assistance to the Israeli commercial fleet.

The bureau also extended a ban on the French company B.S.N. Gervais Dandone to include its subsidiary Cie. Gervais Dandone and other subsidiaries working in Italy, Spain, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Mexico and Japan.

It extended a ban on the West German company Bayer A.G. to include its subsidiary Haarmann & Remier GmbH.

The Kuwaiti bureau blacklisted the Norwegian tourist ships Vastford and Royal Viking Sea and the Italian ship Galileo Galilei for frequenting Israeli ports.

The bureau also banned the import of diamonds from 14 Indian companies, after information was collected they were importing diamonds from Israel and re-exporting them.

The companies were: Indian Diamonds Enterprises, Malirum Furanwal & Co., Indo Unique Trading, Risham & Co., R. Chandrakant & Co., Vijay Star, Rajindrakumar & Co., Sandip, S. Narendran, M. Shashikant Exports, Goenka Trading Co., Diamondia, Rupam Diamonds, M.B. Metha & Co.

Banned was the screening of the film *Getting away from it all*, produced by the blacklisted motion picture company Viacom, and the movie *Blonde Venus*, produced by the blacklisted company Paramount.

The bureau decided to lift a ban on the Greek ship European Faith after receiving documents that it is not frequenting Israeli ports.

Bullion down \$9

LONDON (AP). — Gold prices dropped nearly \$9 an ounce in Europe in heavy trading early yesterday. The value of the U.S. dollar was little changed.

Bullion dealers attributed the decline in prices to a relative calming of the Poland situation and a lack of fresh financially related news elsewhere.

They said the dollar's firmness at the opening of trading in Europe also had a bearish influence on bullion.

London's five major bullion dealers recommended a mid-morning gold fixing price of \$404.25 an ounce, down \$8.75 from late Tuesday and \$2.75 lower than yesterday's opening.

In Zurich the precious metal traded in a median indicative range of \$403.63, down \$6.37 from the previous day's late rate.

Earlier in Hongkong gold lost \$3.68 to close at \$405.05.

Silver was quoted 23 cents lower in London at \$7.68 a troy ounce.

Bank of Israel Exchange rates

1.9.82	IS
U.S. dollar	27.6698
British sterling	47.4758
German mark	11.0759
French franc	3.9458
Dutch guilder	10.1364
Swiss franc	12.9920
Swedish krona	4.4909
Norwegian krone	4.1148
Danish krone	3.1685
Finnish mark	5.7996
Canadian dollar	22.3143
Australian dollar	26.7221
South African rand	24.0312
Belgian franc (10)	5.7850
Austrian schilling (10)	15.7461
Japanese yen (100)	10.6535
Jordanian dinar	76.09
Lebanese lira	5.98

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

TEL AVIV. — September began auspiciously yesterday as 62 securities came through with gains of 5% or better. Unexpectedly the spotlight zeroed in on Hapoalim Investments. The registered shares zoomed ahead by no less than 23.3%. Trading volumes declined noticeably, to IS\$88m.

Index-linked bonds were mostly unchanged as turnovers slumped to less than IS\$5m.

The shekel showed signs of weakness as it was devalued by 23 agorot against the dollar.

In the commercial bank group Danot continued to suffer from profit-taking. The 1.0 shares were nearly 8% lower. FIBI was unchanged in spite of heavy selling pressures.

Insurance issues were moderately higher.

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land development and real estate sector. The newly registered shares were up by 9.4% and are trading at a figure which is five times the issue price. Rascos ordinary spurred

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Closing price	Change	% change	Volume	Closing price	Change	% change	Volume
IS\$1,000				IS\$1,000			
Commercial Banks & Bankholding				Commercial Banks & Bankholding			
IDB prf	34000	n.c.	3	Phoenix 0.5 r	1135	+15	1.3
IDB r	2882	—	—	Yardenia 0.1 r	2280	+50	2.3
IDB prf A	2882	+6	0.2	Yardenia 0.5 r	1060	—40	3.6
IDB prf B	8700	+30	1.0	Yardenia op 1	768	—80	9.5
IDB prf C	7350	+30	1.2	Sahar	4630	—230	4.7
Hapoalim op 5 r	4320	+20	11.3	Sahar b	—	—	—
Hapoalim op 7 r	1870	+10	14.8	Securitas r	2251	—1	26.9
Union op 4 r	3360	+30	1.2	Zur r	822	+30	3.8
Union op 7 r	2800	+50	1.4	Zur b	—	—	—
Discount r	3473	+7	3.4	Zur op 1	551	—	25.8
Discount A r	3473	+7	3.4	Zion Hold. 1.0	1275	+10	11.2
Discount op 1	4760	+30	1.2	Zion Hold. 5.0	341	—13	3.7
Discount B	203	+2	109.1	Galei Zohar 1	400	—19	4.5
Mizrahi r	1289	+7	1.6	Galei Zohar 5	370	—42	21.6
Mizrahi op 3	1289	+7	1.6	Galei Zohar op 1	270	—1	4.6
Mizrahi op 5	2070	n.c.	37.8	Commercial Services & Utilities			
Mizrahi op 6 r	3870	n.c.	—	Delek r	2450	n.c.	76.8
Mizrahi op 7 r	3420	n.c.	—	Delek b	2560	n.c.	2.1
Mizrahi op 8 r	1423	n.c.	—	Harel 1	449	—1	113.8
Maritime 0.1 r	2880	+3	12.6	Harel op 1	285	n.c.	193.3
Maritime 0.5 r	1700	+25	1.5	Harel op 5	900	—5	29.2
Maritime 1.0 r	1980	n.c.	191.9	Harel op 2	241	—14	70.0
				Dan Hotels 1.0	—	—	—
Hapoalim prf b	3800	+93	2.7	Dan Hotels 5.0	—	—	—
Hapoalim r	2403	+12	5.7	Cold Store 0.1 r	30000	—53	—
Hapoalim op 4 r	18540	+180	1.1	Cold Store 1.0 r	17400	+500	3.0
Hapoalim op 5 r	1423	+600	1.4	El Electric r	—	—	—
Hapoalim op 7 r	3500	n.c.	—	Lighterage 0.1	—	—	—
Hapoalim op 12	5190	n.c.	—	Lighterage 0.5 r	29400	—500	1.7
Hapoalim op 8 r	5190	n.c.	—	Lighterage op	—	—	—
Hapoalim op 8 r	3570	n.c.	—	Magor	1445	+50	3.6
General A	3875	+25	95.9	Magor 0.5	753	+20	2.7
General op 6	7020	+148	2.7	Magor op 1	1215	+35	2.8
General op 8	4710	+140	2.9	Nikuv 1.0	732	+35	5.0
General op 5 r	1080	+29	2.6	Nikuv 5.0	477	+25	254.3
Leumi	1785	+8	301.0	Nikuv op 1	426	+3	47.5
Leumi op 4 r	6780	+30	1.5	Consort. Hold.	2280	—40	1.7
Leumi op 5 r	1280	+30	1.2	Consort op	2199	+47	2.2
Leumi op 6 r	889	+4	10.8	Rapac 0.1 r	5146	+170	3.7
Leumi op 11	237	n.c.	36.8	Rapac 0.5 r	40	—10	10.0
OHK r	2110	+90	15.7	Rapac op 2	749	30	78.2
OHK b	—	—	—	Supersol A	1870	+30	1.6
Danot 1.0	1160	+300	7.9	Supersol B	890	+9	142.6
Danot 2.0	585	+3	892.5	Supersol op B	730	+39	5.5
Danot op 1	594	+13	2.2	Land Development Building, Citrus			
Danot op 2	245	+7	2.9	Oren 1.0	1021	+4	130.5
FIBI op 1 r	1490	n.c.	3,466.5	Oren op 1	907	+17	1.9
FBI r	—	—	—	Azotim r	969	+30	3.2
				Azotim op C	1805	+50	2.8
				Azotim op D	832	+12	1.5
				Azotim Inv.	415	+1	338.7
				Africa Lat. r	1660	+160	10.0
				Africa Lat. 1.0	7000	n.c.	12.0
				Africa op 2	6680	—360	5.0
				Arladan 0.1	1825	+25	1.4
				Arladan 0.5	1067	+16	1.5
				Arladan op A	1488	+24	1.6
				Darad 1	358	—20	3.5
				Darad 5	320	—5	1.5
				Darad op 1	2290	n.c.	40.8
				ILDC r	2680	+70	2.5
				ILDC b	3180	n.c.	5.1
				ILDC op A r	3580	n.c.	3.5
				ILDC op B	11900	—104	—
				ILDC op 6 r	2230	+50	2.3
				ILDC op 7 r	6650	+347	5.2
				HLB Realty 0.1 r	1000	+15	1.5
				HLB Realty 0.5 r	469	+30	8.4
				Solei Bonch prf	1540	n.c.	—
				Modul Beton	2975	n.c.	—
				Prop. & Bldg r	4000	+100	2.6
				Bayside 0.1 r	2130	n.c.	—
				Bayside 0.5 r	1410	+15	1.1
				Bayside op 1	1170	+19	1.7
				Ispiro r	832	n.c.	—
				Ispiro op 3	2380	—100	4.0
				Ispiro op 5	808	+10	1.2
				Jeraz r	379	—2	52.5
				Jeraz op 1	585	+10	41.8
				Cohen Dev. op 1	400	+13	3.9
				M.T.M. 1	1280	—12	0.9
				M.T.M. 5	808	—30	3.5
				M.T.M. op 2	738	n.c.	—
				Madadrin r	7000	n.c.	—
				ICP r	4350	—1.1	2.7
				Nest Aviv	4750	—250	5.0
				Prf Or r	1623	+38	2.4
				Prf Or op	1319	+53	4.2
				Cesarea 0.1	3013	n.c.	—
				Cesarea 0.5	885	+28	3.2
				Cesarea op 2	1520	n.c.	29.2
				Cesarea op 3	559	n.c.	267.9
				Rasoco prf r	37000	+2000	5.7
				Rasoco r	37000	+3000	8.8
				Industrial			
				Urdan 0.1 r	2800	n.c.	—
				Urdan 0.5 r	2690	n.c.	—
				Urdan op 2 r	3040	+77	2.5
				Elbit 3.0 r	7870	+820	10.5
				Alliance	—	—	—
				Alaska Sport 1.0	874	+42	4.8
				Alaska Sport 5.0	585	+20	3.5
				Alaska Sport 10	626	—	26.5
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				Elco 0.25 r	1373	n.c.	173.9
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Collision course

DESPITE the news blackout officially imposed on the message despatched by President Reagan to Prime Minister Begin, one fact comes out clearly: Mr. Begin was sufficiently disturbed, if not alarmed, by the message to cut short his Nahariya vacation and return to Jerusalem for a special cabinet meeting which he called for this morning.

According to an unofficial report on Kol Yisrael, the message heralds a new American initiative for the resumption of the autonomy talks. The message presumably calls for the acceptance by Israel of a direct linkage between the administered territories and Jordan, and for a freeze on all Israeli settlement activity, including the expansion of existing settlements, in the territories.

Initial responses in Jerusalem to the reports of the presidential message have been marked mostly by surprise and outrage. The U.S., some nameless sources have suggested, is seeking to compensate for its support of Israel in the Lebanese war by supporting the Arab side on the autonomy. Washington is out to exploit the momentum generated by the Lebanese war in a manner that is a patent deviation from the letter and spirit of Camp David.

Israel's response, sources have predicted, would be to hurl defiance at the president by deciding on a vast new programme of settlement in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. One cabinet member, the minister of science and technology, went on record yesterday as advocating that settlement be earmarked a budget as large as Israel's entire expenditure in the Lebanese war. This made sense, he claimed, in the light of Israel's war aims.

Should the cabinet endorse any such plan it would, of course, confirm what appears to be Mr. Reagan's worst fear: namely, that Israel would, if not annex the territories outright (which Mr. Ne'eman is also proposing), absorb them gradually by creating "facts" on the ground. This way it would predetermine the outcome of the autonomy, and thus effectively undermine its very purpose.

To Mr. Begin, continued settlement activity is fully consonant with the terms of Camp David, because it is not specifically barred by them. Mr. Reagan, as he has recently let it be known through George Shultz, the secretary of state, plainly disagrees. The settlements may be legal, but they do not contribute to a peaceful arrangement "in which the people of the region can live in a manner that they prefer." This is not a reaffirmation of the Palestinians' right to self-determination, just as Mr. Reagan's message, from what can be learned about it, is not, contrary to the impression of David Levy, the deputy premier, a bid for the establishment of a Palestinian state. What Mr. Reagan appears to be protesting against is a situation in which, through settlements, Israel would foreclose all autonomy options but that of absorbing the territories into Israel.

Mr. Reagan is reminding Mr. Begin, in effect, that under the terms of Camp David, Jordan is to be closely associated with the process of determining the future of the territories and that, under Resolution 242, the "agreed basis" for the settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Jordan retains rights in the territories which cannot unilaterally be set aside by Israel.

In Jerusalem, the practice has lately sprung up of proclaiming that "Jordan is Palestine." This cry has not been taken up by Mr. Begin himself, but the premier has done nothing to dissuade his defence and foreign affairs ministers from flaunting the slogan on every occasion. In Washington, therefore, the slogan passes for the political aim which Israel is trying to achieve by such means as settlement of the West Bank and Gaza.

The solution urged in Mr. Reagan's message — a total freeze on all settlement — will not commend itself to most Israelis, including those who consider themselves "doves." Some selective settlement activity, in areas of strategic importance which might be expected to be joined to Israel in any scheme of territorial compromise, was after all the programme of the Alignment. The irony of the Likud's vaunted autonomy scheme is that it allows no distinction to be made, in strategic terms, between one part of the territories and another.

But the essence of Mr. Reagan's message need not lie in this idea. At bottom, it is an attempt to broach the Jordanian option as part of the autonomy process, and it may have been done with the knowledge and consent of King Hussein himself. This would seem to be good news. But to those who are committed to the cause of Greater Eretz Yisrael it is bad news indeed.

Double standard

By GWYN SHLAIM

THE PERCEPTION of most Israelis during the war in Lebanon has been that those criticizing this country, both at home and abroad, are using double standards. Indignant letters have appeared in the press referring to other Middle East bloodbaths beside which the number of civilians killed in Lebanon pales into insignificance. Those most outraged about the treatment received by Israel in the world's press usually point out that the IDF has been exceptionally scrupulous in trying to avoid civilian casualties and generally attribute continuing harsh criticism, particularly in Western Europe, either to fears for oil supplies or to thinly disguised anti-Semitism.

On the face of it, it is difficult to deny that double standards do indeed exist when one considers that the massacres in Lebanon itself over the past seven years, and the grim treatment meted out by President Assad to the civilians of Hama earlier this year attracted very much less attention or opprobrium.

It could be argued that such events in the Arab world are, in the words of King Hussein, himself responsible in 1970 for butchering around 10,000 Palestinians in Jordan's Black September; "all in the family" (although I doubt if the protagonists themselves would care to acknowledge such a consanguinity). Or it could be argued, as some commentators seem to imply, that the Arab world must be treated with particular delicacy. But these are hardly convincing arguments.

It is also undeniably true that, since Israel is an open society with a free press, journalists have far more access to dissenting views and acquire more material with which to criticize her than they would in many Arab countries, where expressing dissent may mean death.

Nevertheless, to retreat into an attitude of "the world is against us whatever we do" obscures the fact that whereas 15 years ago, Israel enjoyed worldwide support and sympathy, she now seems to be rapidly acquiring a pariah status similar to that of South Africa.

Are we really to believe that the only reasons for this are the Arabs' oil-wealth or an upsurge of anti-Semitism, and that some of the

critics, who cannot by definition be called anti-Semitic, are merely self-hating Jews? Shifting through the extreme language symptomatic of the deep emotions aroused by this war, it is possible to discern several strands which perhaps provide some illumination on the psychological rather than the purely political level.

FIRST, while it is true that governments, in pursuit of their foreign policy, may vilify certain states for their actions and blandly exonerate others equally culpable, the upsurge of public opinion in Western Europe in particular cannot be seen only as an expression of official policy. In England, it should be said, the Arabs do not generally get a particularly good press either.

It may seem unfair, but this is a highly visible, intensively covered media war, as was Vietnam, and the public are quite naturally now, as then, going to sympathize with the underdog. And they do not need to be duped by the PLO propaganda machine or misled by the occasional false piece of reporting to see that the underdog in this case is quite clearly the Palestinians.

One of the biggest problems here is the total variance between the way Israel perceives herself and the way most of the world perceives her. At the very time that Israel has been demonstrating the deadly power of her military machine in Lebanon, the rhetoric employed to justify her actions is still that of a vulnerable little state whose very existence is daily at stake; in short she still insists that she is the underdog. That this is not a new paradox is shown in Levi Eshkol's famous advice to Ezer Weizman, when the latter, setting out on an arms-procuring mission to America, asked whether he should present Israel as a powerful state that would make a credible ally or a weak, vulnerable country desperately in need of arms. Eshkol's reply was that he should keep in mind the Yiddish expression roughly translatable as "poor little Samson."

The trouble with the "poor little Samson" syndrome is that it prevents Israelis from making the shift in their view of Israel as a tiny weak country surrounded by a sea of hostile Arabs capable of an-

nihlating her if she does not strike back instantly and massively to every minor attack, to seeing her as a major military power — indeed, according to a recent survey of London's International Institute of Strategic Studies, the fourth strongest in the world. The image of the underdog fits ill with this reality and the world seems to be shouting loudly to let Israel know it.

Mr. Begin, of course, understands the new reality only too well, as his recent speech to the National Defence College on the subject of "wars of alternative" shows; but he has not chosen to adjust his rhetoric accordingly when addressing the world. (It is ironic that he should be the one to finally bury the sacred concept of *Ein Breira*, and not the dovish advocates of political initiatives.)

ANOTHER element in the ferocity of the criticism evoked by this war is the fact that, as a Western-style democracy, Israel is indeed judged by different standards from the rest of the region. This is entirely consistent with the expectations, and indeed wishes, of Israel's founding fathers as well as of many Israelis today, because they feel that they represent a society radically different from the neighbouring ones. From Herzl onwards, many Zionist thinkers have presented the Jewish state as an island of civilization in a sea of barbarism, arguing its ultimate acceptance by its neighbours would stem from the benefits this superior civilization would have to offer them. Parallel to this is the notion that the existence of the Jewish state is based primarily on a moral case — the need of the Jewish people to escape persecution and live in a secure homeland; that the world has a moral obligation to support them in this; and, to a certain extent, that Israel's continued existence depends on its moral worth and adherence to the values of Judaism.

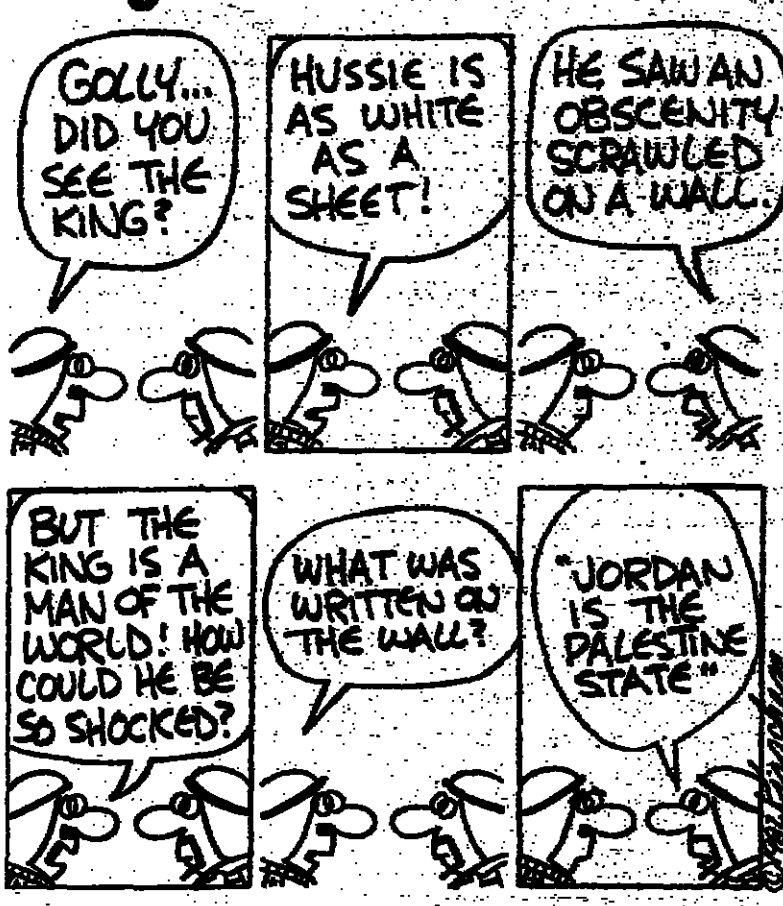
Chaim Weizmann's statement that it is by Israel's treatment of the Arabs that she will be judged echoes through time in the anguish many Israelis feel about the occupation policies on the West Bank since 1967.

Of those in Israel who have protested publicly against this war, I am sure the vast majority would not hesitatingly call themselves Zionists, and that a large proportion are idealistic about their country, believing that it should be a special type of society.

Both literature and psychology teach us that our most hostile feelings are often for those we have most idealized and who have let us down by turning out to have feet of clay. Thus, the realization that Israel is behaving "just like any other country" brings with it a particular bitterness and pain that accounts in part for some of the outspoken criticism we have heard here, so unusual in a time of war. Although protest here has not yet reached anything like the same proportions, one is reminded of the outcry in the U.S. against the war in Vietnam. Many Americans then and the concern they felt about human life at the very time they were having to kill. However, one sometimes suspects that this moralizing implies a deep feeling of superiority over the Arabs, who are seen as reveling in bloodshed and lacking in concern for their fallen.

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certainly true of some of her friends there. It is also horribly true that many hardened anti-Semites are now crawling out of the woodwork under cover of the general outrage. But there seems to me to be a certain interplay between the language used by Israel to explain her actions and the ferocity of criticism of her.

One of the things that has shocked and disturbed many people is the frequency with which comparisons are made between Israel's behaviour and that of the Nazis. They fear, quite rightly, that this could lead to a climate in which the taboos on anti-Semitism could be lifted with impunity.

But the language of the Holocaust has already been debased by Mr. Begin, who sees Nazis in all his enemies and appeasers in his would-be friends. If we were to look at this phenomenon from an individual psychoanalytic perspective, it would be understandable that a man who has suffered so severe a trauma should be trapped in a form of repetition compulsion — that he should constantly seek out confirmation of his worst fears and express a kind of grim satisfaction when words and actions meet his darkest predictions. When that man is the undisputed leader of a powerful country, the possibilities are potentially disastrous; at the very least they make it easier for others to use the same extreme language against Israel.

THE SAME debasement can take place in the moral language Israel uses to justify herself. Israeli foreign policy has always been conducted with a certain high moral rhetoric; because of the grave threat to her security, the usual questions of selfish national interest are not seen to apply to her. This rhetoric is usually accompanied by an expression of Judaism's deep antipathy for killing. One cannot read the accounts of soldiers during the Six Day War, for instance, in the book *Soldiers Talk*, without being deeply moved by their moral consciousness and the concern they felt about human life at the very time they were having to kill. However, one sometimes suspects that this moralizing implies a deep feeling of superiority over the Arabs, who are seen as reveling in bloodshed and lacking in concern for their fallen.

It reached its apotheosis in Golda Meir's remark that "we may forgive you for killing our children, but we

will never forgive you for making us kill yours." While this can be viewed as a noble statement, it can be also seen as moral arrogance, implying that Arab parents do not care if their children die in war.

Another aspect of this, and one which one senses in this war, is that reiterating "how much we hate to do this, how much it offends our values," somehow absolves Israel from the consequences of her actions, and renders outside criticism intrusive and excessive.

We hear continuously, in response to criticism, that the Israeli army needs no lessons in morality from anyone and that soldiers went to the extent of endangering their own lives to avoid civilian casualties. While this is undoubtedly true, it still does not make very much difference to a bereaved Palestinian mother that an Israeli soldier did his very best, to avoid killing her child.

The problem is, I think, one of distinguishing between the micro-level of personal responsibility and morality and the macro-level of the whole operation and casualties resulting from it. Statements about the moral integrity of the individual Israeli soldier when shells are raining down on houses and hospitals in West Beirut can only be perceived as hypocritical. Israel is now close to achieving her aims in West Beirut, but at a terrible price, and most of all, I suspect, to herself.

The country is at something of a turning point in self-definition — still employing the old moral rhetoric which sounds increasingly hollow and offensive as an accompaniment to the harsh power politics that seem to be the main motivation for the actions of Begin and Sharon. The attitude of the premier and the defence minister appeal to those who have no share, directly or indirectly, in the historic Jewish pre-state experience, little commitment to democracy, and an increasing tolerance of military force to solve political problems.

Mr. Begin's actions, if not all his statements, reveal his naked power approach — only too well, and this may gain Israel short-term advantages. But he should be the last to be surprised if his own preconceptions about world hostility are shown more and more to be true and that prophecies, in the land of the Bible, can be self-fulfilling.

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READERS' LETTERS

POLITICAL SOLUTION REQUIRED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I would like your Israeli readers to know that, just as in Israel itself there is no consensus supporting an invasion of West Beirut, in the United States the same is true. Although the majority of American Jews support the goals of the invasion as they were represented by Begin and Sharon to the world — many here have come to question the military operation itself and the honesty of those officials who claimed that Israel's goal was a 40-kilometre *cordon sanitaire* in southern Lebanon. Events of the past few weeks have proven to the Israeli people and to world Jewry that the representations of the

Begin government are not worth the paper they are written on.

If this war can be said to have served any purpose, it has persuaded many Jews concerned for Israel's long-term welfare, that this crisis demands a break from past attitudes; it demands new initiatives on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Mutual recognition by both Israel and the PLO of the right to national self-determination is the only path that can lead to lasting peace. All other paths lead back to the carnage that is presently drenching Beirut in blood.

RICHARD SILVERSTEIN
JACOB BENDER
Berkeley, California.

WRONG FORUM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have just listened to an interview of Professor Yehuda Bauer on a BBC news broadcast, in which he rejected the analogy drawn by Mr. Begin between Hitler and Arafat, Berlin and Beirut. I agree with Professor Bauer that the analogy is false and unfortunate. Nevertheless, I think that Professor Bauer was wrong to make the criticism on the BBC.

Throughout the Lebanese campaign, the BBC has consistently and systematically presented false, distorted and even inaccurate accounts of events. They appear to have been more concerned with creating a negative and hostile attitude to Israel and a glorified and sentimentalized picture of the PLO, than to provide their listeners and viewers with news of current events. Characteristically, the interview with Professor Bauer was not used to elucidate a problem relating to

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the Holocaust, but to further denigrate and invalidate the views and attitudes of Mr. Begin.

The issue raised by Professor Bauer is very important and should be debated — but not on the BBC (or indeed the ITV) which are only interested in using Israeli and Jewish arguments. They have shown no sign of trying to listen to, or understand them.

DR. JULIUS CARLEBACH
Brighton, England.

FAIR REPORTING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I would like to say how the stocks of The Jerusalem Post have risen in connection with the Peace for Galilee operation: for fairness and balanced reporting. The Post could not be beaten.

JAMES MCWHIRTER (REV'D.)
Jerusalem.

GREAT POWER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Once again, big power politics are being played in typical hypocritical fashion, mainly to score points for the three nations most concerned.

Britain was first to condemn Israel for entering Lebanon at the same time that it was carrying on the Falklands conflict.

Russia followed, and now America is well on the way to throwing the book at the Israelis, not really for doing what they are doing, but for taking so long in doing it.

It was the ultimate in hypocrisy when the new Foreign Secretary, Francis Pym, condemned the Israeli action in one breath and then appealed for universal condemnation of the Irish Republican Army in the next one.

Britain and Israel are engaged in similar wars against terrorists and one gets a feeling of envy here — the envy of a once great nation watching what it considers a poor little upstart settling its war the way

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